PLYMOUTH BOARD OF SELECTMEN

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2017

ALBA THOMPSON ROOM, TOWN HALL, 11 LINCOLN STREET, PLYMOUTH, MA – 2:00 PM

2:00PM - CALL TO ORDER

Ken Tavares, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Kenneth A. Tavares, Chairman *(Absent)*
Anthony F. Provenzano Jr, Vice Chairman
John Mahoney
Shelagh Joyce *(Remotely)*
Betty Cavacco

Melissa Arrighi, Town Manager
Marlene McCollem, Assistant Town Manager

Before the meeting began, Vice Chairman Provenzano asked everyone to be patient while they waited for Selectman Shelagh Joyce to call in to participate remotely.

2:08PM – OBERY STREET PROJECT

John Mahoney, Selectman, began by saying there is $6,500,000 on the line for the Obery Street Project. He said he had a conversation with Sid Kashi, Town Engineer, and he said that this could wait until the April 2018 Town Meeting. He then asked Jonathan Beder, DPW Director, where we should place this Article strategically.

Jonathan Beder said we've discussed this internally since Town Meeting and we've talked with MassDOT. He said we've been told by the State that this project is in the red flag stage so the sooner the better.

Anthony Provenzano Jr, Vice Chairman, said that we can certainly hold a Public Forum in the next 30 days for those who may have questions on this project, to which Melissa Arrighi, Town Manager, said there just isn't enough time to hold a Public Forum the right way. She said she will have a written response for the School Committee by the end of the week in regards to their questions about the Obery Street Project.

Vice Chairman Provenzano asked if we put Obery Street on the Warrant can we still withdraw it, to which Melissa Arrighi said once it is on the Warrant and the Warrant is executed you cannot withdraw it.

Selectman Joyce said if we can't withdraw it can we vote no motion no action, to which Melissa Arrighi said yes, but anyone else could make a motion on the floor.

Selectman Cavacco asked if we were to wait until the April 2018 Spring Town Meeting would we lose the money or just lose time, to which Melissa Arrighi said no, we went from low risk to high risk and there are other communities asking for that same money and could get those funds and use them. The money might still be there in the spring but there is no real guarantee of that.

Vice Chairman Provenzano asked if we had enough time to get more information out there, to which Jonathan Beder said their objective right now is to reply to the School Committee's questions on the project.

Selectman Mahoney said we might as well put this on for December, and then he wondered if the project manager could answer the School Committee's questions.

Vice Chairman Provenzano asked if we needed to take a formal vote, to which Ms. Arrighi said no, we just need direction from the Board.

Kevin Lynch, Town Meeting Member, came up and asked if the public could weigh in on this, to which Vice Chairman Provenzano said no, not at this time.

2:17PM – OBERY STREET PROJECT

Vice Chairman Provenzano said that a vote was taken and several of the votes weren't counted. He said we cannot undo that but we can have a clean debate to give Town Meeting a clearer picture of what is needed.

Selectman Joyce asked if it would be appropriate to share some feedback on the issues that we had with e-voting, to which Vice Chairman Provenzano said he would ask Melissa Arrighi put this on the next Agenda so it can be televised.

Vice Chairman Provenzano asked the Board if they wanted to put the Water Street Promenade onto the Special Town Meeting Warrant, to which Selectman Mahoney said we voted to hold this Special Town Meeting so we should. The Board agreed.

Vice Chairman Provenzano recapped by saying there will be three Articles on the Warrant for the December 6, 2017 Special Town Meeting Warrant.

2:29PM - ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Betty Cavacco and seconded by John Mahoney, the Board voted to adjourn the Open Session at 2:29pm. *Voted 4/0*
By Roll Call: Provenzano-Yes, Mahoney-Yes, Joyce-Yes, Cavacco-Yes, Tavares-Absent

Recorded by: Christopher Badot
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